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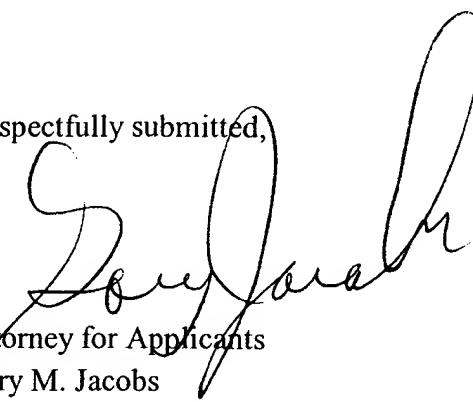
The clean copy of the August 9, 2002 substitute specification has been amended solely to improve its form and to correct grammatical, typographical, and minor errors therein. Accordingly, this amendment is needed for proper disclosure of the invention and would require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Therefore, this amendment satisfies the criteria for entry of MPEP § 714.16 and such entry is respectfully solicited.

One of the substitute specification amendments involves a correction in the table at page 40 of the value for the toner-low flag. As explained at pages 39-41 of the specification, when the toner-low flag indicates that the toner is not low (i.e., it is set to 0), but the toner-out flag indicates that the toner is completely depleted (i.e. it is set to 1), an abnormal operation has occurred, since the toner cannot become depleted without first becoming low. This situation is classified as case 4 in the table at page 40. But for case 4 in which the toner-low flag must be 0, the table lists the toner-low flag as having a value of 1. Therefore, Applicants have corrected this typographical error and changed "1" to --0--, as shown in the correction to the paragraph starting at page 40, line 1.

In addition, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephone conference with the Examiner on June 23, 2004. In that telephone conference, the Examiner tentatively agreed to enter this amendment, pending a more complete review once she receives the amendment itself.

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